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In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for facilitating aggregate purchasing, the system comprising:

(a) a database server system being for maintaining at least one purchasers group, wherein said at least one purchasers group is established by an operator of said database server system, said at least one purchasers group being characterized by a predefined product designation of an aggregation of respectively different independent products or services and conditions for purchasing a said product aggregation in accordance with said designation, said conditions including a first price and a quantity, said database server system being configured to interface sellers to said group such as to enable tendering by at least one seller of at least said quantity to said group at a tendering price offered to said group, thereby to enable individual purchasers to benefit from aggregated buying power; and

(b) a plurality of user clients, being at a disposal of a plurality of users and being capable of communicating with said database server system, each of said plurality of user clients being for enabling a respective user thereof to join said at least one purchasers group, such that a user of a respective one of said plurality of user clients is entitled to purchase said designated product under said conditions for purchasing said designated product upon joining said at least one purchasers group, including a best offered tendering price.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said at least one shoppers group is established by a user of said plurality of users.

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4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said at least one shoppers group is established by a supplier of said designated product.

5. (Previously Amended) The system of claim 1, configured such that said plurality of user clients communicate with said database server system via

a communication mode selected from the group consisting of dialup communication and local area network communication.

6. (Previously Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said at least one purchasers group is maintained by said database server system for a predetermined period of time.

7. (Previously Amended) The system of claim 6, wherein said user can join said at least one purchasers group only during a second period of time expiring prior to said predetermined period of time.

8. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 6, wherein a user is entitled to purchase said designated product following termination of said-a second time period.

9. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 6, wherein said conditions for purchasing said designated product are determined as a function of the number of members within said at least one purchasers group at the termination of said second time period.

10. (Previously Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said database server system stores and provides on demand to each of said user clients information pertaining to said at least one purchasers group.

11. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 10, wherein information pertaining to said at least one purchasers group includes information on said designated productdesignated product and to said conditions for purchasing said designated productdesignated product.

12. (Previously Amended) The system of claim 10, wherein information pertaining to said at least one purchasers group includes information on a number of members of said at least one purchasers group.

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13. (Previously Amended) The system of claim 12, wherein information pertaining to said at least one purchasers group includes information on each member of said members of said at least one purchasers group.

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14. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said conditions for purchasing said designated product~~designated product~~ include said first price of said designated product~~designated product~~, an updated price following said tendering if any and terms of payment.

15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said designated product~~designated product~~ group is a~~comprises~~ specific products from a specific manufacturer.

16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said designated aggregation comprises services.

17. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said designated product~~designated product~~ is characterized by a specification.

18. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said designated product~~designated product~~ includes a plurality of specific products bundled together as a single product package.

19. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein each of said plurality of user clients is a computer operating a web browser and further wherein said database server system is in communication with the World Wide Web.

20. (Previously Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein each of said user clients is a computer operating a dedicated software program.

21. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein said at least one shoppers group is maintained by said database server system for a predetermined period of time.

22. (Original) The system of claim 21, wherein said user can join said at least one shoppers group only during said predetermined period of time.

23. (Original) The system of claim 21, wherein said user of said plurality of users is entitled to purchase said designated product following termination of said predetermined time period.

24. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein said conditions for purchasing said designated product are determined as a function of the number of members within said at least one shoppers group at any time point.

25. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein said database server system stores and provides on demand to each of said user clients information pertaining to said at least one shoppers group.

26. (Original) The system of claim 25, wherein information pertaining to said at least one shoppers group includes information on said designated product and to said conditions for purchasing said designated product.

27. (Original) The system of claim 25, wherein information pertaining to said at least one shoppers group includes information on a number of members of said at least one shoppers group at any given time point.

28. (Original) The system of claim 27, wherein information pertaining to said at least one shoppers group includes information on each member of said members of said at least one shoppers group.

29. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein said conditions for purchasing said designated product include price of said designated product and terms of payment.

30. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein said designated product is a specific product from a specific manufacturer.

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31. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein said designated product is a service.

32. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein said designated product is characterized by a specification.

33. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein said designated product includes a plurality of specific products bundled together as a single product package.

34. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein each of said user clients is a computer operating a web browser and further wherein said database server system is in communication with the World Wide Web.

35. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein each of said user clients is a computer operating a dedicated software program.

36. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 31, wherein said at least one purchasers group is maintained by said database server system for a predetermined period of time.

37. (Previously Amended) The system of claim 36, wherein said user of said plurality of users can join said at least one purchasers group only during a second time period expiring prior to said predetermined period of time.

38. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 36, wherein said user of said plurality of users is entitled to purchase said designated productdesignated product following termination of saida second time period.

39. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 31, wherein said conditions for purchasing said designated productdesignated product are determined as a function of the number of members within said at least one shoppers group at any time point.

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40. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 31, wherein said database server system stores and provides on demand information pertaining to said at least one purchasers group.

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41. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 40, wherein information pertaining to said at least one purchasers group includes information on said ~~designated product~~designated product and to said conditions for purchasing said ~~designated product~~designated product.

42. (Previously Amended) The system of claim 40, wherein information pertaining to said at least one purchasers group includes information on a number of members of said at least one purchasers group at any given time point.

43. (Previously Amended) The system of claim 42, wherein information pertaining to said at least one purchasers group includes information on each member of said members of said at least one purchasers group.

44. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 31, wherein said conditions for purchasing said ~~designated product~~designated product include a maximum price of said ~~designated product~~designated products, a reduced price following tendering if any, and terms of payment.

45. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 31, wherein said ~~designated product~~designated product is a specific product from a specific manufacturer.

46. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 31, wherein said ~~designated product~~designated product is a service.

47. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 31, wherein said ~~designated product~~designated product is characterized by a specification.

48. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 31, wherein said ~~designated product~~designated product includes a plurality of specific products bundled together as a single product package.

49. (Original) The system of claim 3, wherein each of said user clients is a computer operating a web browser and further wherein said database server system is in communication with the World Wide Web.

50. (Original) The system of claim 3, wherein each of said user clients is a computer operating a dedicated software program.

51. (Original) The system of claim 4, wherein said at least one shoppers group is maintained by said database server system for a predetermined period of time.

52. (Original) The system of claim 51, wherein said user of said plurality of users can join said at least one shoppers group only during said predetermined period of time.

53. (Original) The system of claim 51, wherein said user of said plurality of users is entitled to purchase said designated product following termination of said predetermined time period.

54. (Original) The system of claim 4, wherein said conditions for purchasing said designated product are determined as a function of the number of members within said at least one shoppers group at any time point.

55. (Original) The system of claim 4, wherein said database server system stores and provides on demand to each of said user clients information pertaining to said at least one shoppers group.

56. (Original) The system of claim 55, wherein information pertaining to said at least one shoppers group includes information on said designated product and to said conditions for purchasing said designated product.

57. (Original) The system of claim 55, wherein information pertaining to said at least one shoppers group includes information on a number of members of said at least one shoppers group at any given time point either during said predetermined time period, or following termination of said predetermined time period.

58. (Original) The system of claim 57, wherein information pertaining to said at least one shoppers group includes information on each member of said members of said at least one shoppers group.

59. (Original) The system of claim 4, wherein said conditions for purchasing said designated product include price of said designated products and terms of payment.

60. (Original) The system of claim 4, wherein said designated product is a specific product from a specific manufacturer.

61. (Original) The system of claim 4, wherein said designated product is a service.

62. (Original) The system of claim 4, wherein said designated product is characterized by a specification.

63. (Original) The system of claim 4, wherein said designated product includes a plurality of specific products bundled together as a single product package.

64. (Original) The system of claim 4, wherein each of said user clients is a computer operating a web browser and further wherein said database server system is in communication with the World Wide Web.

65. (Original) The system of claim 4, wherein each of said user clients is a computer operating a dedicated software program.

66. (Original) The system of claim 4, wherein said supplier communicates with said database server system via a supplier client.

67. (Original) The system of claim 66, wherein said supplier client is a computer operating a web browser and further wherein said database server system is in communication with the World Wide Web.

68. (Original) The system of claim 66, wherein said supplier client is a computer operating a dedicated software program.

69. (Original) A method of facilitating aggregate shopping, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) establishing at least one shoppers group in a database server system;

(b) maintaining said at least one shoppers group in said database server system, said at least one shoppers group being characterized by a designated product and conditions for purchasing said designated product; and

(c) enabling a plurality of users each being capable of communicating with said database server system via a user client thereof to join said at least one shoppers group, such that upon joining, each user is entitled to purchase said designated product under said conditions for purchasing said designated product.

70. (Original) The method of claim 69, wherein said step of establishing said at least one shoppers group is effected by a user of said plurality of users.

71. (Original) The method of claim 69, wherein said step of establishing said at least one shoppers group is effected by an operator of said database server system.

72. (Original) The method of claim 69, wherein said step of establishing said at least one shoppers group is effected by a supplier of said designated product.

73. (Original) The method of claim 69, wherein said step of maintaining said at least one shoppers group is executed for a predetermined period of time.

74. (Original) The method of claim 73, wherein a user of said plurality of users can join said at least one shoppers group only during said predetermined period of time.

75. (Original) The method of claim 73, wherein a user of said plurality of users is entitled to purchase said designated product following termination of said predetermined time period.

76. (Original) The method of claim 69, wherein said conditions for purchasing said designated product are determined as a function of the number of members within said at least one shoppers group at any time point.

77. (Original) The method of claim 69, wherein said database server system stores and provides on demand to each user information pertaining to said at least one shoppers group.

78. (Original) The method of claim 77, wherein information pertaining to said at least one shoppers group includes information on said designated product and to said conditions for purchasing said designated product.

79. (Original) The method of claim 77, wherein information pertaining to said at least one shoppers group includes information on a number of members of said at least one shoppers group at any given time point.

80. (Original) The method of claim 79, wherein information pertaining to said at least one shoppers group includes information on each member of said members of said at least one shoppers group.

81. (Original) The method of claim 69, wherein said conditions for purchasing said designated product include price of said designated products and terms of payment.

82. (Original) The method of claim 69, wherein said designated product is a specific product from a specific manufacturer.

83. (Original) The method of claim 69, wherein said designated product is a service.

84. (Original) The method of claim 69, wherein said designated product is characterized by a specification.

85. (Original) The method of claim 69, wherein said designated product includes a plurality of specific products bundled together as a single product package.

86. (Original) The method of claim 69, wherein said user client is a computer operating a web browser and further wherein said database server method is in communication with the World Wide Web.

87. (Original) The method of claim 69, wherein said user client is a computer operating a dedicated software program.

88. (Original) The method of claim 72, wherein said supplier communicates with said database server system via a supplier client thereof.

89. (Original) The method of claim 88, wherein said supplier client is a computer operating a web browser and further wherein said database server method is in communication with the World Wide Web.

90. (Original) The method of claim 88, wherein said supplier client is a computer operating a dedicated software program.

91. (Previously Added) The system of claim 1, wherein said tendering is carried out in advance of setting up said purchasing group by issuing a schedule of prices for given quantity ranges.

92. (Previously Added) The system of claim 1, wherein said tendering is carried out at a predetermined time, provided said minimum quantity has been reached.

93. (Previously Added) The system of claim 1, wherein said tendering is carried out in advance of setting up said purchasing group by accepting for said group a seller offering a minimum price for said purchasing number.

94. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 31, wherein said tendering is carried out in advance of setting up said purchasing group by issuing a schedule of prices for given quantity ranges.

95. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 31, wherein said tendering is carried out at a predetermined time, provided said minimum purchasing number has been reached.

96. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 31, wherein said tendering is carried out in advance of setting up said purchasing group by accepting for said group a seller offering a minimum price for said purchasing number.

97. (Currently Amended) A system for facilitating aggregate purchasing, the system comprising a server, the server comprising:

a database configured to maintain at least one purchasers group, said at least one purchasers group being characterized by a predefined product designation, said designation specifying a plurality of respectively independent

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products or services and conditions for purchasing said correspondingly designated products or services~~designated product~~, said conditions including a first price and a minimum purchase quantity, and

an interface for interactively interfacing purchasers and sellers to said database,

said database server system being configured, with said interface, to interface sellers to said group such as to enable tendering by at least one seller of at least said quantity to said group, said tendering comprising a tendering price offered to said group, thereby to enable individual purchasers to benefit from aggregated buying power.

98. (Previously Added) The system of claim 97, wherein said tendering is carried out in advance of setting up said purchasing group by issuing a schedule of prices for given quantity ranges.

99. (Previously Added) The system of claim 97, wherein said tendering is carried out at a predetermined time, provided said minimum purchasing number has been reached.

100. (Previously Added) The system of claim 97, wherein said tendering is carried out in advance of setting up said purchasing group by accepting for said group a seller offering a minimum price for said purchasing number.

101. (Previously Added) The system of claim 47, wherein said specification comprises a plurality of alternate products.

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103. (Previously Added) The system of claim 1, wherein said quantity is at least two.

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104. (NEW) A system for facilitating aggregate purchasing, the system comprising:

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(a) a database server system being for maintaining at least one purchasers group, wherein said at least one purchasers group is established by an operator of said database server system, said at least one purchasers group being characterized by a predefined designation of a product or service and conditions for purchasing said product or service in accordance with said designation, said conditions including a first price and a quantity, said database server system being configured to interface sellers to said group such as to enable tendering by a plurality of sellers of alternative products answering to said designation to said group, said tendering comprising offering a tendering price to said group, thereby to enable individual purchasers to benefit from aggregated buying power; and

(b) a plurality of user clients, being at a disposal of a plurality of users and being capable of communicating with said database server system, each of said plurality of user clients being for enabling a respective user thereof to join said at least one purchasers group, such that a user of a respective one of said plurality of user clients is entitled to purchase said designated product under said conditions for purchasing said designated product upon joining said at least one purchasers group.

105. (NEW) The system of claim 104, wherein said alternate products are defined in a list.

106. (NEW) The system of claim 104, wherein said alternate products are defined by a specification of requirements.